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This Amendment After Final Rejection is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 4, 2005 in the aboveidentified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time for filing this Amendment After Final Rejection is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this amendment.

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